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**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Rockville High School  
70 Loveland Hill Road  
Vernon, CT**

**TUESDAY, April 27, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**The meeting came to order at (7:00 PM)**

There were approximately 65 citizens present at the Annual Town Meeting in addition to the Mayor and members of the Town Council.

Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon read into the record the legal notice of the annual Town Meeting and certified that the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall, and published in the Rockville Reminder on April 20, 2010.

Mayor McCoy called for nominations for a moderator. Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to nominate Town Attorney Hal Cummings as the moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

As Moderator, Hal Cummings explained the requirements necessary to speak at the Annual Town Meeting as to residence, age and ownership of property. He reported that pursuant to chapter 7-7 of the CT General Statutes, a petition was delivered to the town clerk within 24 hours of this meeting, which requires the budget to be sent to Referendum rather than voting at the Annual Town Meeting. He informed the citizens that tonight's meeting would serve as a public forum for residents to make comments and ask questions regarding the proposed 2010 – 2011 budget. The Referendum vote will take place at Center 375, 375 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, May 8, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

James Luddecke provided the citizens an overview of the budget.

The Moderator then asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the proposed budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gordon Gibson, 836 Hartford Tpke: Asked questions regarding the health insurance increase and Rx coverage.

Edie Chernack, 50 Cubes Dr: Provided comments regarding the Town Planner and Town Clerk's office needing more staff. She also commented on the conditions of her road due to the lack of catch basins. She also spoke about the DPW's recycling campaign.

Mary Oliver, 15 Dobson Common Circle: Thanked Town Council Members for their efforts and urged them look outside the box when considering revenue sources. She also asked Town Council Members and Administration to keep informed of funding opportunities from the Federal Government.

Joe Grabinski, 623 Dart Hill Rd.: Spoke about the Education budget and educational institutions such as magnet and charter schools. He requested Administration provide information to residents regarding the labor costs of the budget.

Bill Dauphin, 11 Olive Lane: Spoke about the education budget and spoke in favor of the education curriculum. He requested Administration collect data on what people are looking for in

the budget as to whether they are voting in opposition because they would like to see the budget increased or decreased.

Paul Stansel, 39 Reed Street: Spoke in favor of the education budget and requested Town Council Members and Administration to consider enhancements to the school budget to help keep children in the schools.

Myron Krueger, 55 Edith Road: requested a presentation of the education budget at next year's annual meeting. Spoke about salaries in the education budget. He also requested the budget overview include the cost of unfunded mandates.

Bill Smith, 30 Vernwood Dr.: Congratulated Town Council, Mayor and staff for their efforts on the budget. However, he does not approve of the budget.

Marie Herbst: Suggested Town Council Members, Members of the Board of Education and Mayor volunteer to provide an overview of the budget to help educate citizens prior to the next referendum.

Myron Krueger, 55 Edith Road: A short presentation of the budget would be helpful.

Edie Cherniak, Cubles Drive: spoke about the education budget and magnet schools. Requested Board of Education members consider bullying issues at the schools.

Gordon Gibson: Spoke in favor of the Agriculture, Science and Technical Program at RHS and suggested adding funding to the budget to upgrade the building.

Mayor McCoy responded to questions from the audience. He provided highlights of the budget including the Board of Education.

Joe Grabinski: Suggested presenting a survey to see how people stand on the budget. Also spoke about the education budget and curriculum.

Bill Dauphin: Spoke about Advanced Placement classes in the education curriculum. He is in favor of the current teachers and administrative personnel salaries.

Kyle Daigle, 16 Vernon Avenue: Spoke in favor of current teacher and administrative personnel salaries.

James Krupinski, 59 Deerfield Dr.: The Town Council is looking for input from the citizens. He urged citizens present at the meeting encourage their friends and neighbors to vote for the budget and come to next year's Annual Town Meeting.

Nancy Krupinski (comments provided by James Krupinski) spoke in opposition to the recycling campaign. Requested Town Council members examine the budget and review certain areas for potential increase and decreases.

Dan Champagne, 724 Hartford Turnpike: Spoke about the recycling campaign.

The Moderator took the following straw pole:

Citizens voting to support the budget as presented: **total votes: 30**

Citizens voting to oppose the budget as presented: **total votes: 4-5**

Citizens voting to increase the budget: **total votes: 1**

Citizens voting to decrease the budget: **total votes: 2**

The moderator called for a motion to approve of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was moved and seconded from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment (8:29 PM)**

The moderator requested a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded from the floor.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary